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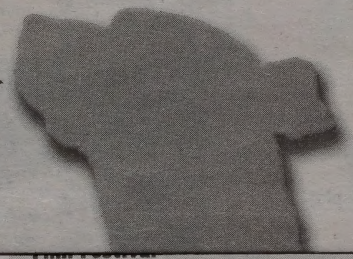

7th Lavender Film Festival adds comedy

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THE GAZETTE

This time, go ahead and laugh.

After six years that often looked on the dark side of gay life, the Pikes Peak Lavender Film Festival

When: Today through Sunday
Where: Fine Arts Center Theater, 30 W. Dale St.
Admission: $75 for a full pass, $25 for opening night, $10-$12 individual tickets. Call 634-5583 (for tickets) or visit www.ppIff.org

TODAY

6 p.m. – Reception

7:30 p.m. – Live concert from Out Loud, The Colorado Springs Men's Chorus

8 p.m. – "Why We Sing!" B

This earnest documentary on the gay-chorus movement kicks off the festival. Interviews with performers and organizers at the 7th International Choral Festival last year in Montreal show the role choruses have played in bringing the gay community together and lifting both voices and spirits with song. (2005, USA; 56 minutes)

SATURDAY

1 p.m. – "Looking for Cheyenne" B+

An understated, sometimes gloomy, French film about a tortured relationship between Cheyenne, an unemployed journalist who lives off the land rather than accept a handout, and her more practical lover, Sonia. (2006, France; 1 hour, 27 minutes; French with English subtitles. Preceded by the short "Peace Talk," 2006, Sweden; 14 minutes).

3:30 p.m. – "The Mostly Unfabulous Social Life of Ethan Green" B

With a cheeky, sitcom flavor, this lighthearted look into the intricacies of the gay dating scene comes through with some funny bits. Our hero, Ethan, bounces through relationships but won't open himself up — which in turn means that most of his friends were once boyfriends and his life turns into an emotional minefield. (2005, USA; 1 hour, 28 minutes. Preceded by the short "Available where she falls for an emotionally withdrawn poetry teacher. Annabelle wavers between being a headstrong, lovesick kid and a wise-beyond-her-years adult, and she practically bullies her teacher into the affair. What are audiences to make of a relationship in which the adults refuse to stand up to the children? It's a lesbian "Lolita," but this reluctant Humbert is portrayed by the filmmakers with more sympathy than audiences are likely to give her. (2005, USA; 1 hour, 20 minutes. Preceded by the short "PROM-troversy," 2005, USA; 12 minutes).

8 p.m. – "Boy Culture" B+

A stylish voice-over introduces us to "X," the movie's gigolo hero. It's an action movie setup, but "Boy Culture" delivers an alternate-universe family drama, as the (say it with me) emotionally unavailable X pushes away those closest to him. It's an interesting, arch take on growing up gay. (2006, USA; 1 hour, 27 minutes. Preceded by the short "Available

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					1	2 Colorado Springs Balloon Classic, through Sept. 4, Memorial Park
3	4 American Discovery Trail Marathon and Half Marathon	5	6	7 Dale Chihuly opening celebration, Fine Arts Center Modern	8	9 Lynyrd Skynyrd, World Arena
10 Komen Colorado Springs Race for the Cure, Iron Horse Park	11	12	13	14	15 Third Day, World Arena; The Pikes Peak Lavender Film Festival, Fine Arts Center, through Sept. 17.	16 20th annual Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial ceremony, Memorial Park
17 Denver Broncos' regular-season home-opener	18	19	20 George Carlin, Pikes Peak Center	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Colorado Springs Philharmonic's season opener, a Beethoven tribute, Pikes Peak Center